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FOR: ALUMINIUM ALLOY FOR

CASTING, HAVING HIGH RIGIDITY AND LOW LINER EXPANSION COEFFICIANT

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Pursuant to PCT Article 34 the following Preliminary Amendment is hereby made:

Page 8, (Claims 1-3) are canceled and newly added claims (4-6) are presented for examination. The newly presented claims are added to comply with U.S. patent practice by deleting multiple dependency. Otherwise the newly presented claims embrace comparable subject as the original filed claims (PCT Rule 66.8(a)).

No new matter has been added, and the new set of claims do not go beyond the disclosure of the international application as filed thus violating PCT Article 34(2)(b).

All of the claims presented can be substantiated by the application as originally filed.